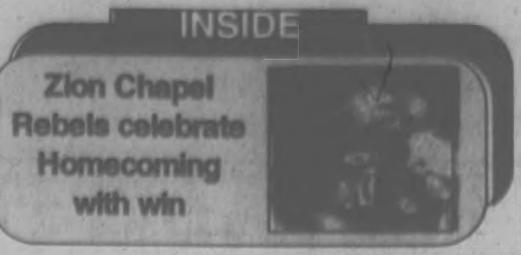


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Troops welcomed home

Members of the National Guard 1-117th Field Artillery unit returned home last Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 23. They were



Elba Mayor James Grimes and his wife, Henrietta (left) traveled to Andalusia last Tuesday afternoon to help welcome home members of the 1-117th Field Artillery unit of the National Guard. The 1-117th includes several members either from Elba or with Elba ties. The welcome home was even more special for Mayor Grimes as his nephew, Sgt. Bryan Grimes (in uniform), is a member of the unit. Also shown above is Bryan's wife, Anita.

(Photos Courtesy of The Andalusia Star News)



UNEXPECTED EXCITEMENT...Remodel work began recently on the old Hardee's building in Elba to make way for a new restaurant at the site. While the long anticipated project was certainly welcomed by local citizens, a different type of excitement took center stage one day last week. At approximately 12:48 p.m. Thursday afternoon, Oct. 26, the Elba Fire Department was dispatched to the scene in response to a possible fire. Upon arrival firefighters reportedly found, of all things, a grease fire. It seems a spark from a tool being used by construction workers on the building ignited some old grease left in a pipe from the previous owner. Firefighters were able to extinguish the fire rather quickly and no real damage was caused. Shortly after the fire was put out, the remodel work resumed.

NEWS BRIEF

The Coffee County Enterprise Division Grand Jury met in session Tuesday, Oct. 23.

The Grand Jury inquired into a total of 100 cases, handing down 96 indictments. Of the 96 indictments, 84 were felonies and 12 were misdemeanors.

The Grand Jury returned five no bills and had three cases dismissed.

Arraignments for all defendants are scheduled for Monday, Nov. 26, for Judge Thomas Head Tuesday, Nov. 27 for Judge Robert E. Williams, and Wednesday, Nov. 28, for Judge Bill Morris, all of the Coffee County Courthouse in Elba.

Area Happenings

THE 2007 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON comes to the final week of regular season play this week with all area teams in action. On Thursday night, Nov. 1, the Brundidge Bulldogs will host Luverne. On Friday night, Nov. 2, the Elba Tigers will host Gadsden. The Kimball Bulldogs will host the New Brockton Gators, and the Zion Chapel Rebels will host Goshen. Kickoff for all games is set for 7 p.m.

THE COFFEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FLU CLINICS will be held at the Health Department on Friday, Nov. 2, and Monday, Nov. 5, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Those attending are asked to bring their Medicare card, or there will be a \$3 fee. For more information, call 347-974.

THE 2007 COFFEE COUNTY FIFTH GRADE WELDING AND SINTERED METAL CLINIC will conduct a second Friday, Nov. 9, at the Zion Chapel Union Memorial Building beginning at 9 a.m., featuring military and veterans, as well as private industry to attend. There will be students at the clinic from various schools. Golf carts will be available to assist those who need them. If regular vehicles, the program will be held outside and will be in the gymnasium. For further questions or information, call Roger Person at (334) 877-6802, or email, rogerperson@elba.k12.al.us.

ly home after the 18-month deployment.

Upon arrival at Southside Baptist Church, the troops filed in the family life center for a brief ceremony. At its conclusion, the soldiers heard the one word they and their families have been waiting many months to hear, "Dismissed!"

Reportedly, the members of the 1-117th will be honored at a later date with a formal ceremony.



LaGrange College athletics director Phil Williamson, left, presents half of fame plaque to Leroy Carnley.

Elba educator among inductees LaGrange College inducts Athletic Hall of Fame class

LaGrange College held its sixth Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony Sunday, Oct. 28, at the Student Assembly Room on campus.

Leroy Carnley, Stuart Clay, Bill Garrett and Lauren Hutchison Smith joined 26 former LaGrange athletes in the hall of fame. Carnley, of Chancery, Ala., was a two-year basketball letterman for the Panthers in 1989 and 1990. He was a two-time NAIA District 25 and All-GIAC selection.

Carnley was the team's Most Valuable Player for the 1989-90 season. He scored 1,361 career points and was the Panthers all-time leading scorer when he graduated. He

set a school single-season record with 851 points for the 1989-90 season. He had a school-record 53 points versus Mercer in 1990.

Carnley scored over 40

points three times, over 30

points 21 times and over 20

points 32 times in his career. He

set an NAIA national record in 1990 with 142 three-pointers made during the season.

During his career at LaGrange, Carnley broke or set 14 school records. After leaving LaGrange, he played professional basketball for three seasons.

Carnley is currently in administration with the Elba City Schools System as the special education coordinator.

Department of Public Health addresses recent MRSA concerns

Alabamians are becoming increasingly concerned about contracting Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, or MRSA. The Alabama Department of Public Health advises all members of the public to practice good personal hygiene as the best preventive measure.

"Staph is among us, but it is not a reason to prevent children from attending day care centers, students from attending class or athletes from participating in contact sports," said Dr. Donald Williamson, state health officer.

"Handwashing with soap and hot water or alcohol-based hand sanitizers, and covering wounds are the best ways to prevent its spread."

MRSA bacteria are every-

where and can be found on about 30 percent of individuals' skin and in their noses without causing disease, but because of a break in the skin, bacteria get into the body and cause infection. These infections can be treated with antibiotics. When common antibiotics do not kill the staph bacteria, they become resistant to those antibiotics.

MRSA is not new - it has been identified since the 1960s, and there are other antibiotics that can kill it. Anyone can get MRSA, but certain persons can get MRSA infections more easily than the general population. These include individuals with weakened immune systems, with cancer or who are receiving long-term steroid therapy, transplant recipients and people with multiple health problems.

Situations that can increase the risk of developing MRSA include living in crowded conditions such as in jails and prisons, dormitories, military barracks, nursing homes and being frequently admitted to a hospital.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention case studies indicate that 85 percent of severe cases of MRSA are associated with health care settings and are most common among individuals age 65 and older. The Alabama Department of Public Health advises that steps can be taken to help prevent infections from Community Associated Methicillin-resistant

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

Don't forget to change your clocks before going to bed Saturday night. Such a smart, common sense move will give back that one hour of sleep you lost back in the spring when Daylight Saving Time began! Better still, you could have an extra hour to put on your very finest fall clothes to show off at morning church services. There are even some enterprising Coffee County citizens who will sleep an extra thirty minutes and still have additional time to primp for church services.

A family in New York has said they will sue the city of New York for some \$25 million after their son died of what was later diagnosed as that currently "hot" infection called "antibiotic-resistant staphylococcus infection". True, the boy was sent home from a city owned hospital with some itch cream when he was really sick, but folks \$25 million every day of the week will not bring back their child. If they are going to sue, it would make more sense to us if they were suing the medical personnel involved in the misdiagnosing, they are the ones that made a mistake, not the millions of citizens of New York.

Parents are constantly warned to watch carefully what their children are doing on the internet. There are kooks out there preying on unsuspecting children (and adults). No profession is free of these nutty folks. Recently a Conn. newspaper man (he is reportedly a graphic artist) was arrested in a Colo. sex sting, after traveling there to meet a mother and her young daughter for sexual encounter. Then there is the woman who responded to an internet posting of a job opening and was found dead. There is a tendency to just out that crime, but the woman is still dead. Be careful folks, it is best to be a bit paranoid about the internet than to regret what happens. Kooks are drawn to this relatively new medium because it is sooo easy to find gullible people on the internet. They don't need to find but one of the millions who see their posting and their devious, illegal plans swing into action.

Halloween is growing as a time to celebrate. Each year it seems more and more "ghost" related activities take place during this last week of October. It is not just the young children either, costume sellers report more and more adults are getting into the game with elaborate costumes and big Halloween parties. We will again limit our involvement to sampling the Trick or Treat candy free time of time. On second thought, we might also stick back a few pieces of the "best" from the candy assortment for our later enjoyment! We bet some of our readers will also be guilty of pulling that neat trick.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, October 22, 2007, investigated the following incidents: two for criminal mischief, two for domestic violence, one for harassment, one for possession of a controlled substance, one for possession of marijuana, one for possession of drug paraphernalia, one for lost phone, two for public intoxication, one for minor in consumption, one for minor in possession, one for driving under the influence, one for reckless endangerment, one for theft of property, one for criminal possession of a forged instrument and one for harassing communications.

The following arrests were made: one for harassment, one for possession of a controlled substance, one for possession of marijuana, one for possession of drug paraphernalia, one for domestic violence, two for public intoxication, one for minor in consumption, one for minor in possession and one for driving under the influence.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: two for speeding, two for a suspended driver's license, four for not violation of the seat belt law, one for violation of the child restraint law and one for running a stop sign.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22 – Coffee County EMS dispatched to a (motorcycle) wreck near 378 County Rd. 420 (12:19 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1797 County Rd. 111 (1:18 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1927 Hwy. 189 (2:07 p.m.).

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23 – Coffee County EMS dispatched to 19016 Hwy. 125 (10:39 a.m.);

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Water sharing must be a priority for the Tri State

FROM THE HOUSE

Congressman Terry Everett

In the last few weeks, a war of words over water has played out in the news media. The rhetoric is certainly at a fever pitch between Georgia and Alabama over who has claim to the scarce, but mainly vital water resources. And last week Florida jumped into the dispute.

Unfortunately, rhetoric and dramatic press conferences are not going to solve the problem.

The current unprecedented drought gripping our region demands that the three states reach a resolution to this decades-old dispute.

The major rivers of east

Alabama and northwest Florida. Communities which rely upon these rivers and their associated lakes for drinking water, hydroelectric power generation and industry are realizing the combined effects of a 100 year drought and the prospect of reduced water flows from Georgia threaten their populations.

Rather than appearing to come together to manage regional water supplies

for the benefit of all, some have chosen to take unilateral action at the expense of others. Georgia is suffering an equally devastating drought as Alabama, and its governor is under pressure at home to protect that state's water supply. Yet, in recent weeks, the Georgia governor has taken an extreme position - that of seeking to restrict water flows out of major reservoirs in his state; badly needed water that should be in

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Staphylococcus aureus, known

as MRSA, can enter the body and cause an infection. This infection can be minor, such as boils, or serious, such as blood infections and pneumonia. Infections can look like a spider bite, a large, red painful bump under the skin (boil); a cut that is swollen, hot and filled with pus, or blisters filled with fluid.

Almost all skin infections can be treated by draining the area. The spread of community-acquired MRSA can be prevented by keeping the wound clean and changing bandages frequently.

MRSA occasionally can cause severe and life-threatening infections. This is because the organism has acquired resistance to common antibiotics, and so it can be difficult to treat and cure. Factors that have been associated with the spread of MRSA skin infections include: close skin-to-skin contact, openings in the skin such as cuts or abrasions, contaminated items and surfaces, crowded living conditions and personal hygiene.

Symptoms of a more serious staph infection may include rash, shortness of breath, fever, chills, chest pain, fatigue, muscle aches, a general feeling of illness, or headache. Serious staph infections may include cellulitis, endocarditis, toxic shock syndrome, pneumonia or blood poisoning.

These guidelines can help prevent the spread of MRSA in sports settings:

• Cover all wounds, change bandages frequently, and assure containment of any drainage. If the wound cannot be covered or there is uncontrollable drainage from the wound, athletes should not be permitted to participate in sports.

• Encourage students and teachers to report known or suspected MRSA infections to the school nurse.

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LIFESTYLES



John and Lynsey DuBose honored with reception at Olde South Inn

John and Lynsey DuBose of Jacksonville, FL were honored with a reception at the Olde South Inn on August 12, 2007 on the occasion of the July 25 wedding.

Guests were greeted at the front door by Lucia Grantham and welcomed by John and Lynsey, the honorees, Lee and Debbie Williams, parents of the bride, Jim and Jackie DuBose and Lamar and Beth Henderson, parents of the groom.

Refreshments were served in the dining room, which was decorated with roses from John's Granny Parr's flower garden.

Hostesses for the event were Sue Boggan, Nancy Crowe, Diane English, Lucia Grantham, Juli Parrish, Rhonda Stephens, Debbie Stockwell, Janice Strickland, Chris Sutley, Henrietta Taylor, Joan Ward, Debbie Kelley, Henrietta Grimes, Kaye Whitworth, Doris Matthews, Anita Grimes, Margaret Calhoun, Sheila Martin, Deborah Nicholson, Donna Driggers, Elizabeth Dyess, Judy Mello, Janie Allen, Janie McCall, Myrna Cowen, Jean Spurin, Gina Boswell, Candi Stokes, Debbie Jared, Lynn Weeks, and Gwen Mullinax.

The Dyess family will be in concert at Country Cathedral on Thursday, November 15, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. No admission will be charged. Country Cathedral is located on U.S. Hwy 84 about 5 miles east of Opp. For more information call 334-493-7413.

The McKameys to be in concert at Country Cathedral

Mount Zion will have a gospel singing on Saturday, November 10, 2007 beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Activities for the children will include "go fish," ring toss, basketball throw, apple bobbing, face painting, and others. There will also be a dunking booth.

Hot dogs and sausage from the grill, with all the trimmings, will be served at 5:00 p.m. and the hayride will begin at 6:00 p.m.

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SCHOOLS



Tiger Tales

Editors:
Erica Daniels &
Kelly Corder

Teacher Spotlight

by Chemie Cross

This week's teacher spotlight is Tiffany Condon, a first grade teacher at Elba Elementary School. She is married to Roland Vargas and her daughter is Amaria Vargas.

Mrs. Condon attended Troy State University, where she was receiving her degree in elementary education. She has been teaching for five years.

Previously, she taught at John F. Kennedy and the American School of Queretaro, Mexico. This is her first year at Elba Elementary.

In her free time, she loves spending time with her friends



Tiffany Condon

and family, reading, and traveling.

Legendary vocal group performs at Elba High School

by Yoquesha Terry

On Tuesday, Oct. 16, the legendary lead singers of The Temptations performed at Elba High School.

Before The Temptations performed, the first tenor of the vocal group spoke to the Marching Tiger Band and encouraged band members to stay in visual arts. He invited all members of the Marching Tiger Band to the concert later that night. He explained discipline as the key to success in the music industry.

All the band members came to the show and had a blast.

The Temptations concert was sponsored by the City of Enterprise and the Coffee County Arts Alliance.

The night took the crowd back to the glory days of the Motown era of the 1960s. These pioneers of classic souls are known for hits such as "My Girl," "The Way You Do the



The Temptations perform at Elba High School

Things You Do," "I Can't Get Next to You," "Get Ready," and "I'm Gonna Make You Love Me."

The night was full of solid gold hits and pure Motown memories. The lead singers were Glen Leonard, who recorded over 10 albums with The Temptations, including the multi-platinum Reunion Album; Barrington Henderson joined The Temptations and made his debut as lead singer on the double platinum album, P.h.o.n.i.x. Rising; Kareem Ali and Darnell

Carter were both members of The Vandellas. Kareem is the choreographer for The Temptations. Freddy Black is one of the most powerful vocalists to grace the stage before joining The Legendary Singers of The Temptations. Freddy performed as a member of The Drifters along with original lead singer Bobbie Hender.

The performance was successful and the group was served refreshments after the show.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Elba vs. Opp (Here) Nov. 2

• Grad Ad's are now on sale!

Prices are as follows: \$50 for 1/8 page black and white, \$55 color; \$90 for 1/4 page black and white, \$100 color; \$110 for 1/2 page black and white, \$125 color; \$160 for full page black and white, \$180 color.

• Canned Food Drive begins

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• Yearbooks should be available for pick up Nov. 2. Check the school website!

• The school does not open until 7:00 each morning. Parents of car students please do not drop students off before 7:00. No students should be in the building before 7:00 each morning.

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SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Melissa has been on a strict conditioning program for the past couple of months, and while I'll admit she looks great and even looks a few years younger, this 'ole Dad is a little worried she will get carried away and lose too much weight. My girls have always been active in sports and have had no real problems with their weight, but with the end of college now in sight Melissa seems very concerned about her appearance with a trip to the working world just months away. Being in good shape is one thing and being skinny is another. So, maybe she will come home over the upcoming holidays and I will be able to put at least a few pounds back on her.

ELBA TIGERS SWAT YELLOW JACKETS

The Elba Tigers left no doubt early on last week that they were the better team in their clash with Abbeville and made it look easy with a 47-19 win over the Yellow Jackets. The Tigers owned a 26-0 lead before Abbeville could even snap the ball three times, and went in at the half with a 40-0 lead in a game that was expected by many to be a battle. Elba did empty its bench early in the second half and Abbeville took advantage of the youth and inexperience to score a few points. However, Friday night's game was a blowout from start to finish and gave the fans that made the trip the chance to leave early and drop in Dohlan for a late meal.

The Tigers' 1-2 running punch of Carlos Matias and Michael Lindsey combined for 159 yards and 2 touchdowns on the ground, while in the air Troy Martin completed 11 of 23 passes in the first half for 184 yards and 3 touchdowns, with the help of Gavin Respess, Richard Cooks and Lindsey combined for 10 catches for 182 yards and 2 scores. Elba's offense has been explosive at times this season, and Friday night bombed an Abbeville team that just a year ago won nine games and made it to the second round of the playoffs.

While the Elba offense was showing off, the defense was also hard at work and came up with six big turnovers and one touchdown of its own. The Tigers did allow three scores in the second half that made the game a little closer than it really was. However, the defense was in command when it counted and continued to get better and better.

The win clinched the third seed for Elba in the region and also guaranteed the Tigers their first winning season in five years. That may not sound like a big deal to high school football fans that are used to their teams winning lots of games, but it is a big deal for the football program at Elba as its student-athletes and coaches work hard to turn things around.

AREA TEAMS WIN TWO AND LOSE TWO

The ninth week of the high school football season is now in the book and for the teams in the area it was a so-so week as two teams won and two teams lost. Here's a quick look back at the week that was....

*** Zion Chapel (2-1) – The Rebels posted an exciting 20-18 homecoming win over Pleasant Home and have now won their last two games after struggling to seven straight losses to open the season. Zion Chapel trailed in the fourth quarter and appeared in trouble, but put together a drive late in the game to regain the lead, and then turned back a last-second threat by the Eagles to escape with the win. This is a true blue-color team that plays football the old-fashioned way and wins with power and determination.

*** Brantley (8-1) – The Bulldogs scored almost at will as they celebrated homecoming with a 60-0 win over Kinston. Brantley ran back the opening kickoff for a touchdown to grab an early lead, extended its lead to 40-0 by the end of the half, and emptied its bench in the final two quarters as the Bulldogs got a well deserved rest with a tough closer and the playoffs yet to come. This was a rebuilding season, the Dogs work fast.

*** New Brockton (3-6) – The Gamecocks continued their late-season slump with a 31-0 loss to Houston Academy. New Brockton owned a 2-2 region record midway in the season and was talking playoff, but since dropped four of its last five games and now needs a win in week ten just to have bragging rights in the county. Injuries can often devastate a small school program, just ask the Gamecocks.

*** Kinston (0-9) – The Bulldogs barely put up a fight in a 60-0 loss to Brantley and will have to upset cross-county rival New Brockton to avoid suffering a winless season. Kinston had high hopes early in the season and many fans thought the Bulldogs could win at least three or four games. However, that has never happened and unless a huge upset is on the horizon the football program down at Kinston is down, again.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

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*** The Kinston Lady Bulldogs made it look easy last week in sub-state volleyball action and this week is back up in Pelham trying to bring home a second straight state championship. The Lady Bulldogs have a veteran bunch filled with young ladies that have competed at the state tournament since they first dressed out with the varsity, and there is absolutely no doubt they will be the team to beat when they set it off. Good luck to Coach Wiggin and her Lady Bulldogs as they play to make it two-in-a-row.

*** The ninth week of the high school football season had a few surprises and a few blowouts, with maybe the biggest upset being Enterprise's 29-26 double-overtime loss to Smith Station. The Wildcats had already clinched the runner-up spot in the region and the home field advantage in the playoffs and were expected to hand Smith Station with little trouble. Hey, a football can bounce a lot of different ways and it proved it again last week for the folks from over in Enterprise. Some other scores that caught my eye were Ariton vs. Christian 61-27, Barbour County over Reeltown 14-8, Loachapoka over Highland Home 41-21, Luverne over Goshen 33-2, W.S. Neal over T.R. Miller 14-8, and Pike County over Dale County 60-7.

*** This week will have to leave the coop to close out the season on the road against some bull pups. While the yard birds may not be able to fly very high with so many feathers missing, the guess here is they will be crowing about a win late Friday night.

NEW BROCKTON 41 KINSTON 7

ZION CHAPEL VS. GOSHEN

The troops from Fort Jack will remain inside the walls this week and for the second straight weekend will be looking to bag some birds for a late-season supper. Last week the troops bagged the limit and had a party the next night. However, this flock flies a little higher and may not be as easy to bring down.

GOSHEN 24 ZION CHAPEL 16

BRANTLEY VS. LUVERNE

The Bulldogs from up across the river will head up the four lane this week hunting a litter of kitties that have been known to feed a few birds off main street in the Friendliest City. While the kitties have lost a little fur at times this season, they never back down and will fight to the end to defend their turf. This should be a good one.

BRANTLEY 27 LUVERNE 14

OTHER SCORES:

Ariton 34 G.W. Long 12

Florla 39 Dale County 27

McKenzie 27 Red Level 15

Providence Ch. 17 Samson 14

Barbour County 18 Bullock County 16

Cottonwood 35 Autaugaville 7

Excel 29 J.U. Blacksher 7

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Highland Home 24 St. James 17

Houston County 29 Headland 15

Janet 36 Central 0

Wicksburg 27 Abbeville 21

W.S. Neal 21 Calhoun 0

Geneva 27 Daleville 26

Pike County 56 B.T. Washington 6

Andalusia 35 Straughn 10

Montgomery Acad. 21 Al. Christian 17

Ashford 22 Rehobeth 20

Trinity 17 T.R. Miller 10

Carroll 28 Russell County 14

Eufaula 24 Americus 21

Wetumpka 17 Greenville 8

Auburn 28 R.E. Lee 0

Northview 14 Carver 10

Bainbridge 32 Dothan 13

Enterprise 24 Lanier 7

ELBA VS. OPP

The Pea River felines will get to stay home this week and prepare for a litter of bob-tailed kitties that hang out down across the county line. The felines are wild and scored points almost at will last week, but Friday night will have to be ready or the bob-tailed kitties could very well leave town with a big win.

ELBA 22 OPP 21

NEW BROCKTON VS. KINSTON

Three yard birds from over across the county lost even more feathers last week trying to get away from an army of hungry troops, and

For Elba youth teams

There was nothing super about Saturday

Three teams from Elba competed last weekend at the Tri-County Youth Football League Super Bowl, with two teams bringing home runner-up honors and one team being eliminated in opening round action.

In the loss to Luverne, Elba failed to score late in the half after driving inside the Luverne 10-yardline and fell 6-0. Reid Rials gained 29 yards on 3 carries to lead the offense, while Stefan Caldwell added 21 yards on 7 carries and Cavaesha Stinson added 20 yards on 8 carries. Chance Johnson and Stefan Caldwell both made 4 tackles to lead the defense, while Griffin Martin and Blake Edwards both made 3 stops.

MIDGET DIVISION

The Elba Tiger Midgets ended their season with a 5-2 record after being defeated 6-0 by Luverne, in opening round action. Luverne drove 65 yards on its opening drive to grab an early 6-0 lead, while Elba never got anything going offensively and managed only 24 yards of total offense and failed to make a first down. Donavious Williams gained 34 yards on 8 carries to lead the Elba offense, while on defense Rob English led the way with 9 tackles, followed by Grant Akridge with 6 tackles and a fumble recovery and Logan Davis with 6 tackles. Savion Edwards made 4 tackles, while Griffin Martin and Blake Edwards both made 3 stops.

PEE WEE DIVISION

The Elba Tiger Pee Wees blanked Highland Home 14-0 in their opening round match-up, but were upset by Luverne 18-12, in overtime, in the finale as they closed the season with a 7-1 record.

In the opening round win, the Tigers scored on their first possession to grab an 8-0 lead and then failed to score late in the game to claim the 14-0 victory. Darren Burks gained 64 yards on 4 carries and scored 1 touchdown to lead the offense, while Malik Kelley added 23 yards on 5 carries and scored 1 touchdown and Shannon James caught 3 passes for 43 yards. Rajah Caldwell made 5 tackles to lead the defense, while Hayes Spicer made 4 stops and d. Cobe Goosby, Austin Johnson, and Ryan Marler all made 3 stops.

In the win over Ariton, the Tigers jumped out to a 14-8 halftime lead and held on late to claim the win. Matthew Marler gained 125 yards on 4 carries and scored 2 touchdowns to lead the offense, while the Pee Wee Tigers (7-1) made it to the finals before being defeated. It was a great season for all three teams and their coaches, and they should make the teams next year even more determined to bring back home a Super Bowl crown.

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OFF AND RUNNING.... Elba Termites Tiger Matthew Marler (15) heads down the sidelines for a big gain in action last week at the Tri-County Youth Football League Super Bowl. Marler gained 125 yards on 4 carries and scored 2 touchdowns as the Tigers upset top-seed Ariton in opening round.

(Photo by Mike Capps)

In the upset loss to Luverne, a 48-yard fumble recovery for a score late in the game by Luverne sent the game into overtime, and Elba scored 1 point.

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PUT THIS ON TV... Elba Tiger wide-receiver Michael Lindsey (6) tight-ropes the sidelines near the endzone in action last week in the Tigers big win over Abbeville. Lindsey caught 5 passes for 83 yards in the region win over the Yellow Jackets.

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SPORTS



ZION CHAPEL HOMECOMING QUEEN AND HER COURT... reigned at activities last week and were introduced at the Zion Chapel-Pleasant Home football game. Pictured above are (l-r) Lindsey Amlong - Junior, Kelli Behrens - Freshman, Brittany Caldwell - Senior, Queen Torie Hodge, Brooke Stinson - Senior, and Nicole Mauldin - Sophomore.

Zion Chapel strikes late to edge Eagles 20-18

Statistics and photos by Chris Winters

The Zion Chapel Rebels sent a large homecoming crowd home happy Friday night after claiming an exciting 20-18 win over the Pleasant Home Eagles, at Green Memorial Stadium.

Zion Chapel received the opening kickoff and promptly marched 68 yards in seven plays to grab an early lead. Joey Jones led the march downfield as he gained 56 yards on four carries and scored the touchdown. The Rebels defense held Pleasant Home to a 11-yard blast on the middle of the Eagle defense. A two-point conversion failed. Two with 8:45 remaining in the first quarter the Rebels owned an early 6-0 lead.

Pleasant Home began its initial offensive series at its own

26-yardline and drove 74 yards in ten plays to light up its side of the scoreboard. A 47-yard run by Josh Dozier set a key play in the long scoring drive, and it was Dozier that scored the touchdown on a 1-yard quarterback sneak. The extra-point try sailed wide, and with 3:26 left in the opening stanza the score was tied at 6-6.

The Rebels put the ball in play at their own 37-yardline early in the second quarter and regained the lead as they marched 63 yards in eight plays to get back into the endzone. Garrett Stinson ripped off a 28 and 11 yard run to get the score margin underway, and later scored the touchdown on a 2-yard dive over the Pleasant Home defense. Luke Peters

passed to Shane Bambill for the two-point conversion, and with 6:17 remaining in the half the Rebels were back in front 14-6.

Pleasant Home got great field-position at the Zion Chapel 25-yardline late in the half after a short Rebel punt, and took advantage of the short field to cut into the Rebel lead. A 20-yard run from Josh Dozier to Marcus Douglas was a key play in the drive, while the score came on a 5-yard run by Dozier. A two-point conversion failed, and with 1:06 remaining in the second quarter Zion Chapel's lead was down to 14-12.

Pleasant Home began its initial offensive series of the third quarter at its own 20-yardline after a Zion Chapel turnover, and the Eagles used a strong running attack to cover the 70 yards into the endzone as they grabbed the lead. Josh Dozier was again the workhorse of the drive as he gained 59 yards on eight carries and scored the touchdown on an 8-yard run.

The two-point try again failed;

however, and with 5:44 left in the third quarter Pleasant Home had its first lead of the night at 18-14.

Zion Chapel's defense came up with a big stop midway through the fourth quarter after the Eagles had reached a first down at the Rebel 30-yardline, and the Zion Chapel offense responded after the stop as it marched 69 yards in 13 plays to regain the lead. Joey Jones gained 41 yards on seven carries to lead the Rebels down the field, while Luke Peters added 23 yards on four carries and scored the touchdown on a 9-yard quarterback keeper around the left end. A two-point conversion failed, but with only 41 seconds left on the clock Zion Chapel was back on top 20-18.

Pleasant Home began its final possession near midfield after a 33-yard kickoff return by the Eagles. Garrett Roland, and quickly moved to the Zion Chapel 11-yardline behind the running and passing of Josh Dozier. A fumble on a quarterback sack resulted in a 16-yard pick back to the 27-yardline, and the Rebels escaped with the 20-18 win when the game's final play. Cass North blocked a 44-yard field-goal attempt.

Joey Jones gained 152 yards in 20 carries and scored 1 touchdown to lead Zion Chapel, while Garrett Roland added 71 yards and 1 touchdown on 15 carries and Luke Peters added 68 yards and 1 touchdown on 15 carries. On defense, the Rebels were led by Blake Little with 3 sacks and 5 assists, Justin Winters with 3 tackles and 3 assists, Cory Carter with 2 tackles and 5 assists, Joey Jones with 1 tackle and 7 assists, and Josh Gilbert with 6 assists.

Josh Dozier was a one-man wrecking crew for Pleasant Home as he gained 167 yards on 28 carries and scored 3 touchdowns, and also completed 3 of 5 passes for 51 yards.

Rebel quarterback Luke Peters (10) finds room to run against the Pleasant Home defense. Peters gained 68 yards on 15 carries and scored the game winning touchdown in last week's 20-18 win over the Eagles.

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New Brockton blanked by Raiders 31-0 as victory drought continues

Statistics by Trey Medley

The New Brockton Gamecocks continued their late-season struggles Friday night with a 31-0 region loss to the Houston Academy Raiders, in New Brockton.

The loss was the fourth in the last five games for New Brockton and dropped its record to 3-6, while Houston Academy improved its record to 7-2 with the win.

Houston Academy began its

first possession of the game at its own 31-yardline and drove 69 yards in eight plays to grab an early lead. Watson Downs scored the touchdown on a 6-yard run with 5:56 remaining in the first quarter, and Ryan Whitley added the extra-point to put the Raiders up 7-0.

The Raiders began their next

series at the New Brockton 36-yardline and this time needed nine plays to add to their lead.

Andrew Dauphin scored the

touchdown on a 4-yard run, and Whitley added the extra-point as Houston Academy's lead grew to 14-0 with 40-seconds left in the opening quarter.

Houston Academy added to its lead on its next possession as the Raiders drove 56 yards in 10 plays to reach the New Brockton 23-yardline.

Ryan Whitley capped the drive with a 40-yard field goal, and with 5:07 left in the half Houston Academy owned a 17-0 advantage.

The Houston Academy

defense got the ball in the act late in the second quarter when the ball was knocked loose from the Gamecock quarterback and the Raiders' Brit Owen picked the

fumble up and ran it in for 14 yards.

Whitley added the extra-point

and with 1:41 remaining in the half Houston Academy's lead

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Westside Baptist Church set to celebrate 50 years on Sunday

Westside Baptist Church will be celebrating its 50th year of love, service and fellowship on Sunday, Nov. 4, at 10 a.m.

The church was started as a vision of First Baptist Church and the Coffee County Baptist Association. For a number of years prior to 1953, various pastors and members of the First Baptist Church envisioned the possibility of organizing a second Baptist church in Elba.

On Aug. 15, 1953 a tent was set up on a vacant lot (now known as Miller Concrete and Vault) on the west side of Elba for church members to meet. The tent served a great purpose. However, it was cold inside and water covered the ground.



The tent Westside members met in the beginning as a mission church.

The First Baptist Church sponsored the construction of an

auditorium, and groundbreaking services were held on March 3, 1957. On Nov. 3, 1957, Westside was officially instituted a separate and independent church, ready to organize and govern itself as a body of believers in cooperation with the Southern Baptist Convention, the Alabama Baptist State Convention and the Coffee County Baptist Association.

Charles E. Rentz was the first pastor of Westside Baptist Church.

Westside Baptist Church is now celebrating 50 years as a church. It is a caring church that twice has been reminded that the church consists of people who love God, not the building.

Chamber Music Showcase set for Nov. 5th in Troy

Troy University's John M. Long School of Music will present its "Chamber Music Showcase" at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 5 at the Troy-Pike Cultural Arts Center in downtown Troy. The concert will feature soloists from the University as well as performers from the community. The concert is free and open to the public. The Cultural Arts Studio is located at 301 E. Walnut Street in downtown Troy, directly behind the Tourism building (the corner of N. Market Street and E. Walnut Street.)

Look for the black and white vinyl sign over the door. For further directions call 670-2287.

In 1954, this dwelling house was bought and remodeled to serve the needs of the mission.

EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS
WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Next ACT test set for Dec. 8th

The next ACT test will be administered on December 8, 2007. Students who wish to take the college admission and placement exam must register by November 2 - the deadline for having the registration post-marked. There is a late registration postmark deadline of November 15; an extra fee is charged for late registrations. Students can register online at www.actstudent.org.

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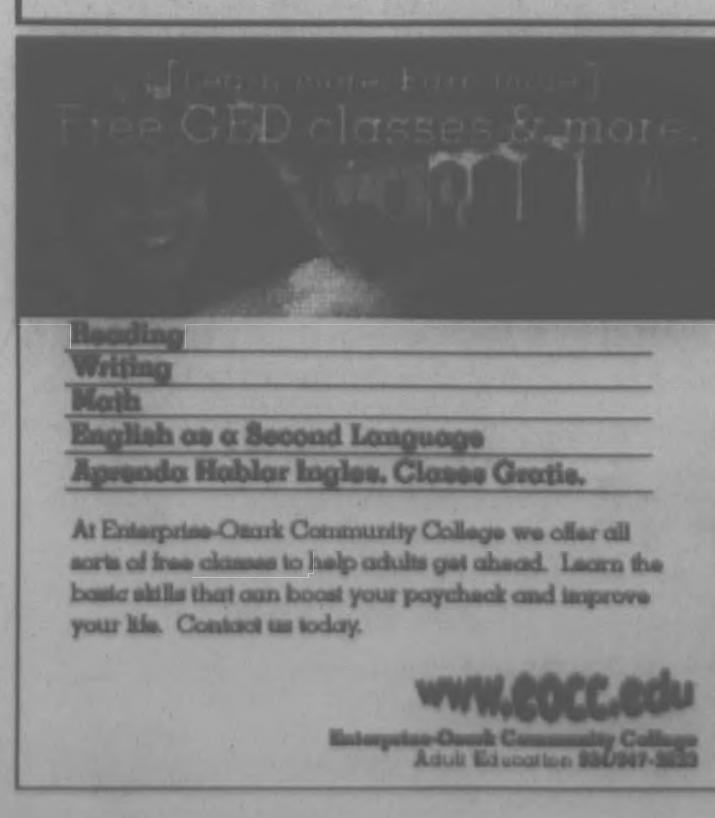
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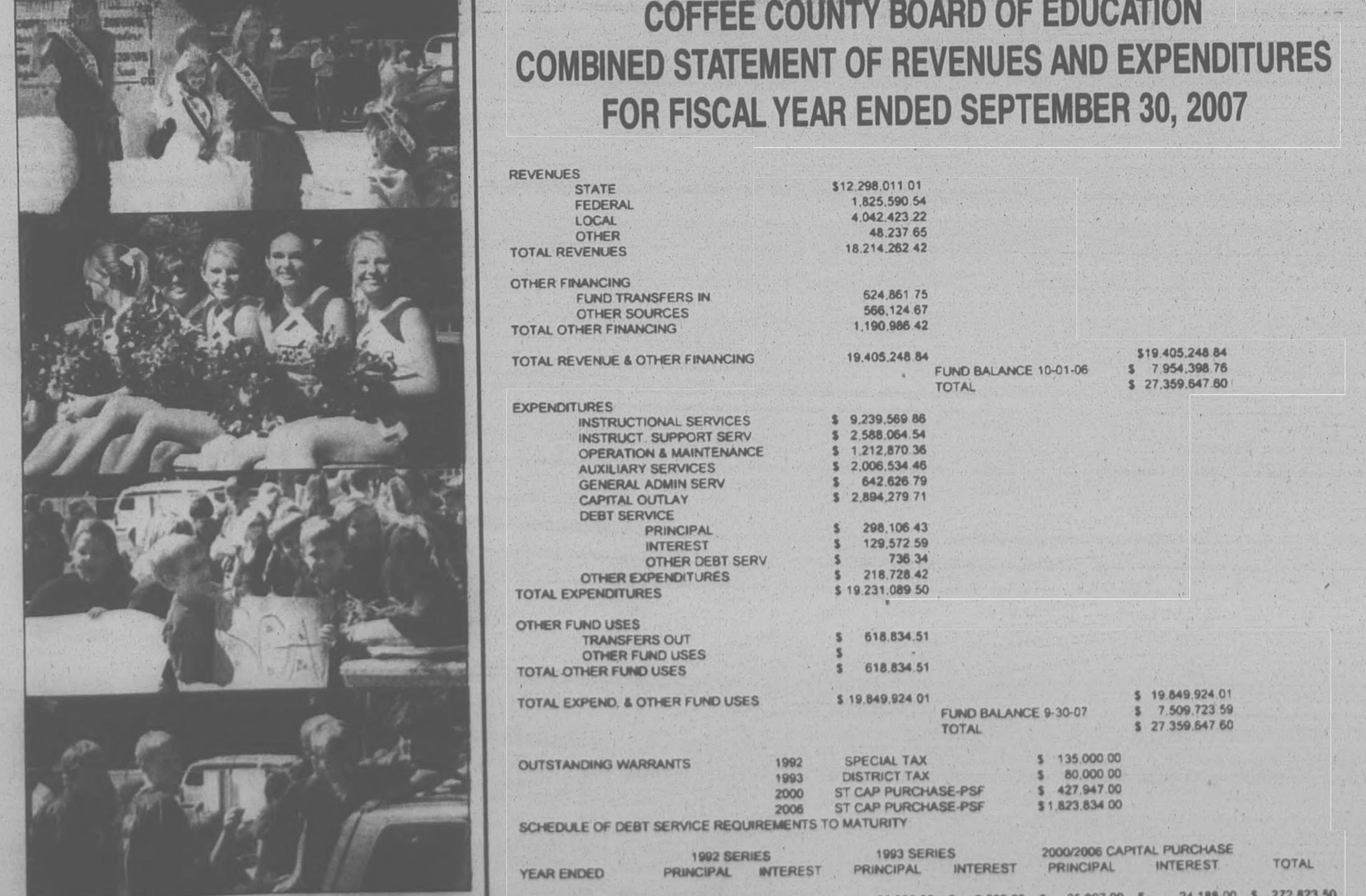


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COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2007

REVENUES	\$12,298,011.01
STATE	1,825,590.54
FEDERAL	4,042,423.22
LOCAL	48,237.65
OTHER	18,214,262.42
TOTAL REVENUES	
OTHER FINANCING	
FUND TRANSFERS IN	624,861.75
OTHER SOURCES	566,124.67
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING	1,190,986.42
TOTAL REVENUE & OTHER FINANCING	19,405,248.84
FUND BALANCE 10-01-06	\$ 7,954,398.76
TOTAL	\$ 27,359,647.60

EXPENDITURES	
INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	\$ 9,239,569.86
INSTRUCT. SUPPORT SERV	\$ 2,588,064.54
OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	\$ 1,212,870.36
AUXILIARY SERVICES	\$ 2,293,860.80
GENERAL ADMIN SERV	\$ 642,626.79
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$ 2,894,379.71
DEBT SERVICES	
PRINCIPAL	\$ 298,106.43
INTEREST	\$ 129,572.59
OTHER DEBT SERV	\$ 738.34
OTHER EXPENDITURES	\$ 218,728.42
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 19,231,089.50
OTHER FUND USES	
TRANSFERS OUT	\$ 618,834.51
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TOTAL OTHER FUND USES	
TOTAL EXPEND. & OTHER FUND USES	\$ 19,849,924.01
FUND BALANCE 9-30-07	\$ 7,509,723.59
TOTAL	\$ 27,359,547.60

OUTSTANDING WARRANTS	1992	SPECIAL TAX	\$ 135,000.00
	1993	DISTRICT TAX	\$ 80,000.00
	2000	ST CAP PURCHASE-PSF	\$ 427,947.00
	2008	ST CAP PURCHASE-PSF	\$ 1,823,834.00
SCHEDULE OF DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS TO MATURITY			

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YEAR ENDED			YEAR ENDED	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	PRINCIPAL
SEPT. 30, 2008	\$ 135,000.00	\$ 5,328.50	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 25,807.00	\$ 24,188.00
						\$ 272,823.50
2009-2013	\$ 151,440.00	\$ 8,516.00	\$ 240,958.00			
2014-2018	\$ 203,891.00	\$ 49,242.00	\$ 249,933.00			
2019-2023	\$ 50,006.34	\$ 2,718.00	\$ 52,724.34			
2020-2024	\$ 1,882,427.00	\$ 934,106.18	\$ 2,816,533.18			
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Linda B. Ingram SUPERINTENDENT, COFFEE COUNTY SCHOOLS
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